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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES
FISCAL YEAR 2004-05
PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TRANSIT PROGRAM
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the continuation of public transportation services in the Santa Clarita Valley for Fiscal Year 2004-05.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City of Santa Clarita in which the City and the County jointly finance, and the City administers, the transportation services for the Fiscal Year 2004-05. The County's share of the cost for these services along with staff support will be financed from the Fifth Supervisorial District's allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds with an estimated cost of \$2,860,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to provide for the continuation of public transportation services for the residents of the Santa Clarita Valley for Fiscal Year 2004-05. Your Board has previously approved programs to provide public transportation to the residents of the unincorporated areas of Santa Clarita Valley. These services include a

seven-day-per-week local bus service, a five-day-per-week commuter service, and a seven-day-per-week elderly and persons with disabilities and general public paratransit service. These services have been administered by the City of Santa Clarita since January 1, 1992.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness by utilizing a collaborative effort with the City to meet public needs. It also meets the goal of Service Excellence as it provides services to the public in a responsive manner. Providing these services improve the mobility of public transit patrons in the Santa Clarita Valley area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The County's net share of the costs for Fiscal Year 2004-05 is estimated to be \$2,860,000, which includes \$2,300,000 for various modes of transportation services in Santa Clarita Valley, \$500,000 for the first of three payments over three years totaling \$1,422,000 for building a new transit maintenance facility, and \$60,000 in staff support. Staff support includes service monitoring; analysis of new and proposed services; participation with City staff in responding to citizen concerns; participation in the annual Transportation Development Act, Article 8, Unmet Needs process; and program budgeting.

The County's net share of the cost will be financed from the Fifth Supervisorial District's allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds available in the Transit Enterprise Fund. Grants and other revenues that will be used to offset the total cost of the service include the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5307 Grant funds, Proposition A Discretionary and Incentive Grant funds, other grants which the City and County may receive, farebox revenue, and Metrolink transfer revenue.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon your approval, we will inform the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority of the continuation of the program. The agreement will be executed by the City and approved as to form by County Counsel prior to submittal to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, for signature.

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This Agreement will be similar in form to last year's agreement and will be in compliance with the mandatory jury service requirements as set forth in Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203.010 through 2.203.090, Jury Service Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On May 20, 1997, Synopsis 47, your Board found these services categorically exempt pursuant to the Class I category provided under Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines and Appendix G of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action provides for the continuation of the current service.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return two approved copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
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